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1. Between 3 and 21 January 1954, heavy construction activity at the former Strausberg airfield. an average of 70 to 80 railroad carloads of construction materials and billeting equipment daily arrived at Strausberg. Billeting equipment also arrived from Torgelow, Eggesin, Brieselang and Parchim.

2. approximately 200 guard personnel were quartered at the former airfield buildings. The airfield was scheduled to become the seat of the High Command of the KVP. Construction work at the field was conducted by Bauunion Sued. The Wilkendorf Estate north of Strausberg was scheduled to be reconditioned as billets for ex-Field Marshal Paulus who was to become commander-in-chief of the KVP.

3. Between 18 and 23 January, a total of about 300 workers arrived in Strausberg from Torgelow. They were billeted in a building of the new barracks installation southwest of Strausberg and were daily trucked to the airfield. they were reconditioning the still standing airfield building. Excavation work was also conducted there for the construction of additional buildings. The training aircraft previously stationed at the field had left.

4. all KVP units and agencies stationed in Berlin were scheduled to leave the city by the fall of 1954 at the latest. The headquarters in Adlershof was already preparing to vacate its quarters in Berlin and move to Strausberg where large barracks installations are said to be under construction. these barracks installations were inspected by Grotewohl on 20 January 1954.

5. On 4 February 1954, excavation work for the foundations of a headquarters building scheduled to be occupied by the commanding general of the KVP had been started. The office of the commanding general was designed for 37 office and conference rooms and number of auxiliary rooms. Another headquarters building was scheduled to include a total of 240 rooms. Installation "Seehaus" was scheduled to be completed by 1 September 1954.

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6. Levelling and excavation work for an officers settlement has been started near Strausberg. For pinpoint location of the settlement see grid square X-coordinate 28/29, Y-coordinate 24/25 of plane table sheet No 3449. The buildings, 3 and 4-story structures will be reserved for captains and majors and will contain a total of 120 apartments of 3 or 4 rooms.

7. A total of 60 1-family houses are scheduled to be built about 4 km north of Installation "Seehaus". Twenty of these buildings are to be reserved for generals, the others for colonels and lieutenant colonels. The entire area and the castle is scheduled to be surrounded with a fence and secured by watch towers.

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ex-Field Marshal Paulus was to move to the "Castle" as commanding general of the KVP. The castle is scheduled to be reconditioned by 1 September 1954. 3

8. During the reported period, a branch office of the Designs Bureau of the Ministry of the Interior was located at No 3 Prater Strasse in Strausberg. Since 1 February, a KVP lieutenant colonel has been in charge of this branch office. Captain Freitag (fnu) and Major Frengers (fnu), previously chiefs of this office were given supervisory missions at Installation "Seehaus". Construction work at Installation "Seehaus" was given priority over all other KVP projects. At the barracks installation under construction southwest of the Strausberg railroad station 3 quartering buildings each with a capacity of about 200 men were completed. However, they were only occupied by a guard company of about 120 men. Buildings under construction there included 7 quartering buildings each with a capacity of 200 men, 2 quartering buildings each with a capacity of 50 officers, 2 administrative buildings, and a building scheduled to house a regimental or brigade headquarters.

1. Comment. The guard personnel observed probably belong to the KVP guard regiment in Berlin-Biesdorf. The information that Strausberg airfield was to become the seat of the KVP High Command was also furnished by other sources. The statement that Paulus is to become the commanding general of the KVP and to move to Installation "Seehaus" is believed to be unfounded.

2. Comment. The buildings at Strausberg airfield are scheduled to be completed by September 1954. The statement that all KVP units and agencies are scheduled to leave Berlin by the fall of 1954 is believed to be correct.

3. Comment. The designation "Castle" refers to the manor of the former Wilkendorf Estate.

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